

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**CM #22-16**

**APRIL 11, 2022**

**2:02 ~ 3:56 P.M.**

**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:** Justin T. WILLIAMS, CHAIRMAN; Florence P. BELSER, VICE CHAIR; *and* COMMISSIONERS Carolyn L. ‘Carolee’ WILLIAMS<sup>[A/V]</sup>, Stephen M. ‘Mike’ CASTON<sup>[A/V]</sup>, Thomas J. ‘Tom’ ERVIN<sup>[A/V]</sup>, Headen B. THOMAS, and Delton W. POWERS, JR.

**COMMISSION MEMBER(S) ABSENT:** —

PRESENTING AGENDA:           F. David Butler  
  SPECIAL COUNSEL

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jocelyn Boyd, Chief Clerk/Executive Director; Sonya Hancock, Clerk’s Staff; Jackie Thomas, Information Technology Staff; Melissa Purvis, Livestream Technical Staff; and Jo Elizabeth M. Wheat, CVR-CM/M-GNSC, Court Reporter.

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**OF**  
**SPECIAL COMMISSION BUSINESS MEETING**

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P R O C E E D I N G S

**CHAIRMAN J. WILLIAMS:** Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Today is Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, and the time is 2:02 p.m. We're here for a special business meeting.

Before we get started, please join me in a brief moment of silence.

[Brief pause]

Thank you.

Present in the hearing room we have Commissioner J. Williams, Commissioner Thomas, Commissioner Powers, and Commissioner Belser. Joining us virtually we have Commissioner C. Williams, Commissioner Caston, and Commissioner Ervin.

Commissioners, is there a motion?

**COMMISSIONER THOMAS:** Mr. Chairman.

**CHAIRMAN J. WILLIAMS:** Commissioner Thomas, you have the floor, sir.

**COMMISSIONER THOMAS:** I move that the Commission go into executive session for the receipt of legal advice pursuant to South Carolina Code Section 30-4-70(a)(2) on all items and matters on the posted utilities and transportation agendas

1 for the April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022, regularly scheduled  
2 meeting of the Commission. So moved.

3 **CHAIRMAN J. WILLIAMS:** Commissioners, hearing  
4 Commissioner Thomas's motion, is there any  
5 discussion?

6 [No response]

7 Hearing none, we'll vote, starting with  
8 District 1. Commissioner Williams?

9 **COMMISSIONER C. WILLIAMS<sup>[A/V]</sup>:** I vote aye.

10 **CHAIRMAN J. WILLIAMS:** Vice Chair Belser.

11 **VICE CHAIR BELSER:** Aye.

12 **CHAIRMAN J. WILLIAMS:** Commissioner Caston?

13 **COMMISSIONER CASTON<sup>[A/V]</sup>:** Aye.

14 **CHAIRMAN J. WILLIAMS:** Commissioner Ervin.

15 **COMMISSIONER ERVIN<sup>[A/V]</sup>:** Aye.

16 **CHAIRMAN J. WILLIAMS:** Commissioner Thomas?

17 **COMMISSIONER THOMAS:** Aye.

18 **CHAIRMAN J. WILLIAMS:** Commissioner Powers.

19 **COMMISSIONER POWERS:** I vote aye.

20 **CHAIRMAN J. WILLIAMS:** Chairman Williams votes  
21 aye. The ayes have it; the motion carries. We are  
22 now in executive session.

23 [WHEREUPON, the Commission Meeting  
24 entered Executive Session, including  
25 Commissioners and legal counsel, for the

1 purpose of receiving legal advice on all  
2 items and matters on the posted utilities  
3 and transportation agendas for the April  
4 14, 2022, regularly scheduled Commission  
5 Business Meeting.]

6 [WHEREUPON, Executive Session  
7 discussion/proceedings were conducted off  
8 the record from 2:04 to 2:54 p.m., after  
9 which time public proceedings resumed, as  
10 follow hereinafter.]

11 **CHAIRMAN J. WILLIAMS:** Good afternoon, ladies  
12 and gentlemen. Welcome back to the Public Service  
13 Commission of South Carolina.

14 Present in the hearing room we have  
15 Commissioners J. Williams, Thomas, Powers, and  
16 Belser. Joining us virtually we have Commissioners  
17 Williams, Ervin, and Caston.

18 Is there a motion?

19 **VICE CHAIR BELSER:** Mr. Chairman.

20 **CHAIRMAN J. WILLIAMS:** Vice Chair Belser.

21 **VICE CHAIR BELSER:** I move that the  
22 Commissioner return from executive session. I do  
23 note that no votes were taken, no polls were taken,  
24 no decisions were made.

25 **CHAIRMAN J. WILLIAMS:** Commissioners, a motion

1 has been made by Vice Chair Belser. Is there any  
2 discussion?

3 [No response]

4 Hearing none, we'll vote, starting with  
5 District 1. Commissioner Williams?

6 **COMMISSIONER C. WILLIAMS<sup>[A/V]</sup>:** Aye.

7 **CHAIRMAN J. WILLIAMS:** Vice Chair Belser.

8 **VICE CHAIR BELSER:** I vote aye.

9 **CHAIRMAN J. WILLIAMS:** Commissioner Caston?

10 **COMMISSIONER CASTON<sup>[A/V]</sup>:** Aye.

11 **CHAIRMAN J. WILLIAMS:** Commissioner Ervin.

12 **COMMISSIONER ERVIN<sup>[A/V]</sup>:** Aye.

13 **CHAIRMAN J. WILLIAMS:** Commissioner Thomas?

14 **COMMISSIONER THOMAS:** Aye.

15 **CHAIRMAN J. WILLIAMS:** Commissioner Powers.

16 **COMMISSIONER POWERS:** Aye.

17 **CHAIRMAN J. WILLIAMS:** Chairman Williams votes  
18 aye. The ayes have it; the motion carries. We are  
19 out of executive session.

20 [WHEREUPON, at 2:55 p.m., the Commission  
21 Meeting re-entered Open Session.]

22 Attorney Butler, are there any other matters  
23 for the Commission to address today?

24 **MR. BUTLER:** No, sir, Mr. Chairman, nothing  
25 further from the Staff or for the Commission to

address.

**CHAIRMAN J. WILLIAMS:** All right. Thank you  
very much, sir.

We are adjourned.

[WHEREUPON, at 2:56 p.m., the proceedings  
in the above-entitled matter were  
adjourned.]



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